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SUBJECT: JULY FOURTH RECEPTION

1. IT MAY SEEM AN INCONSEQUENTIAL THING TO REPORT, BUT I THINK THOSE AT HOME WHO FOLLOW MATTERS HERE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THAT OUR JULY FOURTH CEREMONY YESTERDAY WAS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL. IT WAS WITHOUT PRECEDENCE HERE THAT THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER BOTH ATTENDED A NATIONAL DAY CEREMONY. THERE ARE, INDEED, NO MORE THAN FOUR COUNTRIES REPRESENTED HERE WHERE EVEN ONE OF THEM ATTENDS. HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE OF CABINET MEMBERS, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND MILITARY WAS UNUSUALLY HIGH. PRESS AND TELEVISION COVERAGE WAS ALSO AT A NEW HIGH.

2. IT WAS WITHOUT DOUBT A SIGN OF FRIENDSHIP FOR AMERICA, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD REALIZE THAT MORE THAN THAT IS INVOLVED. I BELIEVE IT WAS ALSO AN INDICATION OF HOW MUCH THE FEELING OF INSECURITY HERE CAUSES THEM TO LOOK TO US FOR HOPE FOR SUPPORT AND COMFORT. I FEEL CERTAIN BHUTTO HOPES THAT I WILL REPORT THIS UNUSUAL DISPLAY OF FRIENDSHIP FOR THE USA, SO I WON'T DISAPPOINT HIM. INDEED, I WOULD HOPE THE SECRETARY COULD SEE THIS BRIEF MESSAGE IF THAT IS POSSIBLE WITH HIS SCHEDULE.
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